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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 82-111 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-81 have been canceled.

This application is currently on appeal. A Notice of Appeal was filed on or about January 27, 2007.

This is in partial response to the Final Rejection dated July 27, 2006, which, inter alia, rejected claim 103 under 35 USC §112 as not disclosing generating a second parameter which is "at least one of ... atmospheric pressure".

The Examiner pointed to page 7, line 34 through page 8, line 4 as failing to supply such support.

However, full support for the "atmospheric pressure" limitation is found elsewhere.

On page 4, lines 20-24, the present application discloses:

Principal parameters that influence the finish of the beans are the roasting speed, or time over which the beans are roasted, as well as the prevailing pressure in the drum, which will vary in accordance with atmospheric pressure variations. (underlining added)

Similarly, on page 12, lines 12-19 state:

For instance, the roasting speed, or the time over which the beans are roasted, the color or darkness development during the prescribed roasting time, the prevailing pressure in the roasting chamber, the roasting temperature, and the like can be monitored and used to determine when roasting should cease and/or what roasting parameters, such as heat, air flow or pressure, need to be adjusted. (underlining added)

As the foregoing demonstrates, using atmospheric pressure as a roasting parameter which can be adjusted is fully disclosed in the application.


In view thereof, applicant requests that the Section 103, first paragraph rejection of claim 103 be withdrawn and requests an early notification of the action taken in connection with this Amendment so that it can be reflected in the Appeal Brief that is about to be filed.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

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